

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The present application contains claims 22-25. Claims 1-21 and 26-30 have been canceled without prejudice to Applicant in order to expedite the prosecution of the present application. Applicant reserves the right to file a continuation application directed to the subject matter of the canceled claims.

Making reference to the Official Action and initially to the Office Action Summary, it is noted that the present Action is a non-final action.

Making reference to the Detailed Action and specifically paragraph 2, page 2 of the Official Action, the Patent Office is herewith advised that the subject matter of the claims was commonly owned at the time that the inventions covered therein were made.

Claims 1-21, 26-30 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as unpatentable over Einola et al. in view of Lucidarme et al. Claims 1-21 and 26-30 having been canceled without prejudice to Applicant in order to expedite the prosecution of the present application, it is submitted that this rejection is now moot.

It is noted that claims 22-25 have been indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form in order to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 22 has been so amended. No amendments

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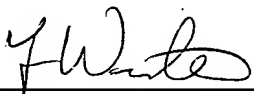
regarding dependency are required to claims 23-25 in view of the fact that these claims depend from claim 22, now amended.

In view of the fact that the present application contains only allowable claims, it is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance and early issuance is earnestly solicited.

Favorable action is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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